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Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The Secretary-General has received notification of the resignation of Misako Kaji (Japan) from the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, effective 1 August 2010. Accordingly, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, a person to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the term of office of Ms. Kaji, which expires on 31 December 2010.

2. The Government of Japan has nominated Akira Sugiyama to fill the vacancy arising from the resignation of Ms. Kaji.

3. In a communication dated 26 July 2010, the Secretariat was informed by the Chair of the Asian Group that the candidature of Mr. Sugiyama had been endorsed by the Group.

4. The candidate's curriculum vitae is annexed to the present note.

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Annex

Akira Sugiyama (Japan)

Present position

Minister, Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Section, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations

Academic background

Bachelor of Arts in Law, University of Tokyo, Japan, 1984

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, United States of America, 1987

Professional background

1984	Joined the Japanese Foreign Service
1987	Third Secretary, Embassy of Japan, United States of America
1991	Deputy Director, Legal Affairs Division, Treaty Bureau
1993	Deputy Director, Northeast Asia Division
1996	First Secretary, Embassy of Japan, China
1999	Principal Deputy Director, Financial Affairs Division
2001	Director, Russia Assistance Division
2002	Director, WTO Dispute Settlement Division
2004	Director, Mexico and Central America Division
2006	Minister, Embassy of Japan, Philippines
2008	Director, Japan Information Centre, Consulate-General of Japan in New York

Mr. Sugiyama, as Principal Deputy Director of the Financial Affairs Division, was entrusted with the planning and implementation of the totality of the Foreign Service's budget, including Japan's assessed and voluntary contributions to the United Nations. His responsibilities also covered financial control and management, as well as procurement.

Mr. Sugiyama developed his understanding of development issues through his experience with development assistance to countries in Asia, Eurasia and Latin America, in close cooperation with the United Nations entities.

In the multilateral arena, he represented Japan in the trade rule-making negotiations of the Doha Round and headed Japan's team in several dispute cases before the World Trade Organization (WTO).